13101082D 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 829** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 9, 2013 Prefiled December 28, 2012 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered a 2.2-2001.2, relating to the Department of Veterans Services; programs to reduce unemployment among veterans. 6 Patron—Puller 7 8 Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-2001.2 as follows: 11 § 2.2-2001.2. Programs to reduce unemployment among veterans. 12 13 The Department shall develop a comprehensive program to reduce unemployment among veterans by 14 assisting businesses to attract, hire, train, and retain veterans. Such program shall promote strategies for connecting employers to qualified veterans and include (i) a workforce assessment and training 15

objective of setting measurable goals for hiring and retaining veterans.

program for participating employers and (ii) a certification process for participating employers with the

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